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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ICAO EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY/DIPLOMATIC
CONFERENCE ROME, AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 21, 1973

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1. AIDE MEMOIRE (REFTEL) DELIVERED AUGUST 9 TO COPIN OF FOREIGN
MINISTRY. HE WAS UNDER BLANKET INSTRUCTION FROM HIS SUPERIORS
TO MAKE NO COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE OUR DEMARCHE SO SHORTLY BEFORE
OPENING OF ROME CONFERENCE/ASSEMBLY, BUT THIS BEING SAID HE
UNBURDENED HIMSELF OF CERTAIN GENERAL OBSERVATIONS. ALLUDING
TO JULY 16 CONSULTATIONS WITH US (PARIS 19530), COPIN
REITERATED THAT GOF REMAINS ANXIOUS TO PRESERVE ITS MANEUVER-
ABILITY THROUGH "HONEST BROKER" ROLE AT ROME, ESPECIALLY
SINCE ITS INFLUENCE WITH LDC'S HAD ALREADY BEEN PARTLY
ERODED DUE ABANDONMENT ITS INITIAL POSITION AND ESPOUSAL
JOINT AMENDMENTS WITH UK AND SWITZERLAND.

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2. COMMENTING ON LAST PARA AIDE MEMOIRE, COPIN SAID GOF THINKING PARALLELS THAT OF US RE FLAW IN SOVIET PROPOSED PROTOCOL. HOWEVER, HE WOULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF RE POSTURE GOF WOULD TAKE IN ROME. HE DIDRECALL THAT AT MONTREAL SOVIETS HAD AT ONE TIME REFERRED TO POSSIBILITY OF EXEMPTING FROM EXTRADITION PERSONS REQUESTING POLITICAL ASYLUM, WHEREAS PRESENT PROPOSAL CLEARLY AIMS AT SECURING EXTRADITION ALL DEFECTORS AS WELL AS RETURN OF HIJACKED AIRCRAFT.

3. COPIN SAID THAT GENERAL CLIMATE IN WHICH ROME MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD WAS MUCH IMPROVED OVER A YEAR AGO, WHICH PROMPTED FRENCH TO BE GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC AS TO OUTCOME.

4. COPIN WAS CONFUSED BY LAST SENTENCE OF ANTEPENULTIMATE PARA OF AIDE MEMOIRE AND WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION. HE (AND WE) READ IT AS IMPLYING EVENTUALITY OF FURTHER AMENDMENT OF CHICAGO CONVENTION AT SOME LATER DATE IN LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE GAINED UNDER INDEPENDENT CONVENTION, AS DISTINCT FROM CURRENTLY PROPOSED FRENCH-UK-SWISS AMENDMENTS FOR WHICH US PREPARED SUPPORT SIMULTANEOUS ADOPTION AT ROME WITH INDEPENDENT CONVENTION. IS THIS INTERPRETATION CORRECT?

5. COMPOSITION FRENCH DELEGATION FOR ROME MEETINGS WILL BE DEFINITELY APPROVED IN NEXT FEW DAYS. IT WILL BE AS INDICATED PARA 11 PARIS 19530. WE WILL CABLE WHEN AVAILABLE.

6. RE PARA 9 REFTTEL, COPIN SAID GOF HAD ALSO WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS WITH US AND HOPED THAT THESE CLOSE RELATIONS WOULD BE CONTINUED BETWEEN TWO DELEGATIONS IN ROME. EMBOFF SAID THIS HOPE AND DESIRE FULLY SHARED ON US SIDE.
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